(c) Amounts allotted.—

To subsidising irrigation wells:—

1945-46	*1946-47*
Rs.	Rs.
7,00,000	10,00,000

Subsidising the supply of artificial manure and oil-cake: Subsidising the supply of seed-grains for November 1947 to December 1949.	There is no separate allotment but the amounts are merged under work advances of the Agriculture Department.

	1945-46 Rs.	*1946-47* Rs.
Amounts spent for—		
Subsidising Irrigation wells ...	4,75,260	7,44,446
Subsidising the supply of artificial manure and oil-cake, Subsidising the supply of seed-grains for November 1947 to December 1949.	6,45,860	6,41,793

Grow More Food Scheme—Contribution of Government of India.

*Q.—114. **Sri G. VEERAPPA** (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount spent on the Grow More Food Scheme during the year 1948-49;

(b) the number of acres of land newly brought under cultivation;

(c) the contribution of the Government of India towards this scheme?

A.—**Sri T. MARIAPPA** (Home Minister).—

(a) (i) *Service Schemes.*— Rs. 10,37,122 (including establishment and subsidy).

(ii) *Works Schemes.*— Rs. 36,42,623.

(b) 14,376 acres.

(c) Nil.

Usefulness or otherwise of Fisheries, Sheep-Breeding and Beehives.

*Q.—120. **Sri G. VEERAPPA** (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount that is being spent every year towards (i) Fisheries (ii) Sheep Breeding, (iii) Beehives, etc:

(b) the usefulness or otherwise of spending money over these departments;

(c) whether it is better to wind up these departments as a good retrenchment measure?

A.—**Sri T. MARIAPPA** (Home Minister).—

	Year	*Amount spent.*	*Fishery Revenue realised.*	*No. of Licenses.*	*No. of tanks auctioned.*
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
(i) Fisheries	1948-49	27,957 0 0	36,773 0 0	2,232	395
	1949-50	21,231 0 0	30,062 0 0	2,000	362
				Rs.	
(ii) Sheep Breeding.	1. Sheep Farms		...	17,872	per annum.
	2. Sheep Breeders' Associations		...	42,923	do
		Recurring	*Non-recurring.*		
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
(iii) Beehives work.		29,121 0 0	3,215 0 0	from 1-1-1949 to 31-12-1949.	

(*b*) (i) Fisheries ... A programme of improved production and equitable distribution of vitally important food resources is constantly engaging the attention of the Governments in the country. In view of the avowed policy of the Government of India to reach self-sufficiency in food by 1951, it is essential to evolve a policy as regards food production. The vital importance of fisheries development and the high nutritive value of fish need no emphasis. In order to compensate the shortage of animal protein in India, it is imperative that every attempt should be made towards the exploitation of our aquatic resources.

The expenditure that is being incurred on behalf of this section is very little as compared with its usefulness. We shall have to spend more if we have to derive full benefits of the aquatic food resources of the State.

(ii) Sheep Breeding. The Farms and Associations are rendering useful service to the sheep breeding public in grading up the local country and colour sheep. Supply of stud rams or improved breed, marketing of wool and surplus stock and rendering medical aid like dipping and dosing.

(iii) Beehives ... Apart from producing honey, bees play an important role in the "Grow More Food Campaign" inasmuch as they increase the yield of all crops including foodgrains by pollination. Bee-culture deserves to be popularised in the larger interest of the country's self-sufficiency in food.

(*c*) (i) Fisheries ... It is not advisable to wind up this section for the reason mentioned above.

(ii) Sheep Breeding. The matter is under consideration of Government. It is proposed to reorganise these Farms.

(iii) Bee-hives ... *Vide* serial No. (*b*) (iii).

Applications for grant of subsidy for sinking Wells.

Q.—122. **Sri T. RAMACHAR** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of applications for grant of subsidy for sinking wells during the years 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50;

(*b*) the number of persons to whom subsidy was sanctioned and the total amount so paid during the above years;

(*c*) the number of persons to whom are paid only a portion of the subsidy;

(*d*) the number of persons to whom no amount has been paid in spite of the completion report by the authorities;

(*e*) whether any circular has been issued withdrawing the said facilities;

(*f*) whether the Government have been contemplating suspending the concession?

Information for (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) may kindly be given talukwar and yearwar.

A.—**Sri H. SIDDAIYA** (Minister for Revenue and Excise).—

Replies.

(*a*)

1947-48	1948-49	1949-50
5,953	8,599	1,690

(*b*)

1947-48		1948-49	
No. of persons	Amount Rs.	No. of persons	Amount Rs.
1,786	5,10,847	1,856	6,93,016

1949-50	
No. of persons.	Amount. Rs.
793	3,18,479

(*c*)

1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
1,022	1,376	414

(*d*)

1947-48.	1948-49.	1949-50.
11	128	8

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise in view of the reply given to question (*e*) *supra*.